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OIL NEWS.

[BY E. T. KEMPER.]

According to Mr. E. E. Loomis, secretary of the Kentucky Oil Men's Association, the value of the oil production in the State for the year 1920, will reach \$40,000,000 as against \$25,000,000 in 1919.

Mr. Frank Sweet, head of the drilling operations for the Beacon Oil Syndicate and others at Creelsboro, was in town Friday last and reported development work being pushed there as fast as conditions will permit. Mr. Sweet has great faith in this territory developing into a big field.

The Carnahan Oil Company report their well No. 1 in Rock House Bottom, Russell county, is nearing completion and they are expecting to "drill in" early this week. Another break in machinery has again delayed their drilling operations on the Ingram farm near Columbia.

Mr. T. A. Sheridan, a well-known contractor and capitalist from Cincinnati, and Mr. G. A. Roy, president and general manager of the Roy Petroleum Company, were here the latter part of the week on a general inspection trip of this territory, taking in portions of Adair, Russell and Clinton counties. This was the first visit of Mr. Sheridan to this section, and he expressed himself as being well pleased with what he saw and learned while here.

The Columbia Development Company, a limited co-partnership composed of some of the most prominent people of this vicinity, has just been organized for the purpose of exploring for oil and gas, particularly the latter, in this immediate vicinity. The amount necessary for the prosecution of development work has already been subscribed, a contract has been let for drilling, one of the most up-to-date rigs in the country is on the way here, and the work will be pushed as fast as conditions will permit. It is believed by some of the best posted men in the business that gas can be found in such quantities in this vicinity that it will soon be possible to supply our people with all they will need for heating and manufacturing purposes.

The Roy Petroleum Company report they have been successful in their "fishing job" in well No. 1 on Damon's Creek; drilling operations have been resumed, and the work will now be pushed to the limit.

In the forthcoming report on the mineral resources of the State Hon. W. R. Jillison, State Geologist, says that substances that were formerly supposed to be of no value are now known to exist in commercial quantities in not less than thirty-three counties. In this statement he refers particularly to the Black or Devonian Shale, which is called the last resort for the world's lubricants, and it is interesting to note that Adair county is named as one of the prominent localities where the outcroppings are visible. Reference was made recently in this column to the possibilities for the production of oil from shale, and experiments along this line are now being conducted on a large scale in Utah and Colorado.

Miss Julia Eubank, after spending three weeks in the market, is now at her place of business. She has all the latest creations in hats for ladies and children.

Senator J. C. W. Beckham will address the voters of Adair County, at the court-house, Wednesday September 29, at 2 m. He will be introduced by Mrs. R. F. Rowe. All ladies are requested to be present.

Mr. W. I. Ingram and Mrs. Jo Knifley accompanied Mrs. Ingram as far as Lebanon, on her trip to Cincinnati, to see her daughter, Mrs. Paul Hamilton. Mr. Knifley was also in the company, but he was en route to Montana.

A TRIBUTE TO A LONG LIFE.

[BY H. C. BAKER.]

Mrs. Esther Dohoney, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Nannie Flowers, in this place, on Monday evening, the 13th inst., was the oldest person in the county, and we presume one of the oldest women in the State.

She was born in this county the 2nd day of May, 1818, and at the time of her death was one hundred and two years, four months and eleven days old. She belonged to one of the pioneer families of the State. Her grandfather, Alexander Gilmer, owned at an early day a large boundary of land, which embraced in part the farms now owned by his lineal descendants, Thomas and John C. Dohoney, and he built a three story brick house now gone, on the Jno. C. Dohoney land. His son, James Gilmer, father of Mrs. Dohoney, was one of the organizers of Adair county, and one of the founders of the town of Columbia. He was a member of the first county court of the county, receiving his commission as a justice from Governor James Garrard. This court held its first session in June, 1802. Many of the records of the court for years afterwards are attested by his signature as presiding officer.

The Gilmers came to Kentucky from the Old Dominion, Virginia, and were representatives of that noble type of men who at that early day sought homes in the wilderness of Kentucky and who assisted in opening up the cane breaks and forests into farms, and laying the foundation of the organized society, the benefits of which we are the recipients today.

Mrs. Dohoney received the advantages of such schools of the county as were accessible at that day. In 1836 she was in attendance at a school taught in Columbia by Rev. John Page, a Presbyterian preacher, and it was probably under his ministry that she became a member of the Presbyterian church with which she was connected for more than eighty years. This was the faith of her fathers, and it was in this faith that she lived and died. She united with the church when she was about fifteen years old. In the said school, in addition to its other advantages, she was brought in to association with many bright boys and girls who were afterwards prominent in their several spheres in the home and in the State. In this school were the Caldwell boys, George Alfred and Isaac, afterwards prominent lawyers of Louisville, Preston H. Leslie, Governor of the State, Samuel B. Maxey, United States Senator from Texas, Timoleon Cravens, State Elector, Gen. S. G. Suddarth, and others well-known and influential in their day. It was in this school that Judge Zach Wheat, Timoleon Cravens, Gen. Suddarth and others found wives to grace their homes in after years.

December 19th, 1844, Esther Gilmer was married to Wm. Rhodes Dohoney, who during his life was a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the county. There were born to them three sons and two daughters, one of the daughters died in infancy. The other children are all living, and besides these she leaves surviving her 19 grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. All of her sons are officers in the church, two of them elders and one a deacon, and of her grandsons, one an elder and two deacons, and all of them prosperous and influential in the communities in which they live.

In this can be seen the impress of her life and Christian character, for it is in the home at last that woman's influence is best exerted and felt. Reared in a Christian atmosphere that gave tone and strength to her own life with length of days, she saw to it that the same influences were about her children and her children's children. They became to her the crowning joy of her old age. She ruled well in her household, and in contemplating her life, it could truly be said of her,

"Happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee!"

"Her children rise up to bless her." She was a woman of excellent mind, not only of past events and persons, but also of more recent occurrences. This continued with her to the day of her death. A few years ago she accidentally fell, and one of her hips was fractured, which left her an invalid. With the passing years also came blindness and partial deafness, yet, none of these things seemed to disturb the serenity of her life. She lived on, peacefully, happily,

"Rich in experience that angels might covet,
Rich in faith that had grown with her years,"

taking a lively interest and pleasure in her family and friends.

As the end of her life drew near, the veil that separated her from the loved ones who had gone before seemed at times to be removed. They sat beside her and conversed with her; she saw their faces, and at times sweet music was wafted to her that other's did not hear. Who knows how thin that veil may be to one who has lived for God and is close to heaven.

"Eyes that grow dim to the earth and its glory
Have sweet recompense earth can not know,
Ears that grow dull to the world and its story,
Drink in the songs that from paradise flow,
Growing old gracefully,
Purer than snow."

Democratic Campaign Committee.

The following make up the Women officers of the Women's Division of the Democratic Committee for Adair county:

Mrs. A. H. Ballard, Chairman.
Mrs. R. F. Rowe, Vice Chairman.
Miss Jennie Garnett, Secretary.
Executive Committee.
Mesdames W. J. Flowers,
Bettie Butler,
W. R. Myers,
Irwin Fraser,
Gordon Montgomery,
Josephine Rowe,
Willie Hines,
J. R. Tutt,
W. M. Wilmore,
H. B. Simpson,
B. E. Rowe,
H. A. Walker,
Rollin Hurt,
Daisy Hamlett,
W. F. Cartwright,
Miss Estelle Willis.

An Aged and Honorable Couple.

I recently spent a night with my old friend, Henry J. Henson, and enjoyed the privilege very much. I learned the following from him concerning himself and family which I feel should have a place in the Adair County News, as it is so much out of the ordinary.

He was born in Casey, Co., Ky., Nov. 2, 1836. Was married first to a Miss Holladay, daughter of William Holladay, of Adair Co. She did not live long and was married the second time to Miss Mary Tupman, daughter of Hon. John Tupman, May 23, 1866. This union was blessed with 11 children, 9 of whom are still living. The parents are now alone at their home in the Carmel community, and are busy about their work daily. He is nearly 84 years old and she is about 8 years his junior. He made a constant hand on the farm this year, plowing much and did a great deal in harvest time, cutting a large amount of grass himself, looked after licensed stock, etc. They have 53 grandchildren living and 10 that are dead. They have 26 great grandchildren living and 2 that are dead. I wish for them many more years of useful living here, and then a happy death and an abundant entrance into the city beyond the skies.

Sincerely,
Jesse L. Murrell.

Prominent Couple Wed.

Last Friday evening, between 8 and 9 o'clock, Mr. J. O. Russell, prominent merchant and financier, of this place, was married to Mrs. Ruby Turney, formerly of Chattanooga, Tenn.

The ceremony took place in the dormitory of the Lindsey-Wilson and was performed by Rev. R. V. Bennett, brother-in-law of the bride. There were only a few witnesses present.

Immediately after the ceremony the couple were motored to the groom's handsome home on Jamestown street.

The bride is an accomplished lady, and was the widow of Dr. Frank Turney, of Chattanooga, who died about two years ago. For the past year she has had charge of the music department of the Lindsey-Wilson, and has made a large circle of friends in Columbia.

The groom is one of the best known men in Adair county, and is prominent over the State, having a large acquaintance.

An Acknowledgement.

Monticello, Sept. 17, '20.

Editor News:—

We are now comfortably settled in our new home and take this method of thanking our dear friends for the lovely gift of remembrance presented to us while in our old home. We had expected to meet them on Wednesday evening before we left home and thank them personally, but circumstances prevented. It came to us as a complete surprise, and we shall always consider it one of our most valued gifts, not on account of its intrinsic worth, but for the kindly thought which it expressed, and to each of the dear friends we extend our heartfelt thanks for their loving gift.

Each Sunday morning at the hour for Sunday school and preaching service, our hearts turn to the dear old Columbia Church, and in fancy we can see the familiar faces of those with whom we have been so long and so pleasantly associated, both in the Church and social life, but we have come to know that nothing happens to us that does not make for better things and this separation will only strengthen the tie that binds us to our dear Columbia friends, whom we hope to see in the not distant future.

We are very pleasantly situated here, but no place can ever be as dear to us as the home in which we have spent almost our entire past lives.

With best wishes for all of our friends, and prosperity for the News.
Yours etc.,
Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Page.

Do not fail to be in Columbia Wednesday September 29th and hear Sen. Beckham. He will be introduced by Mrs. R. F. Rowe.

Duvetynne and Metallic materials and hats of same. Call and see them. You will be pleased with them and also with the prices.

Miss Julia Eubank.

Mr. G. B. Swinebroad, the successful real estate man of Lancaster, sold the W. C. Cowherd farm in Taylor county last week. It was sold in two tracts and the whole brought \$8,638. Swinebroad never fails to sell and he gets big money for the owner.

Mr. Jas. Flowers, of Illinois, is visiting relatives in the city and county. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Columbus Flowers, who live in New Mexico. Mrs. W. R. Myers, this place is his aunt.

At Knifley, this county, Monday night of last week, Mrs. D. Knifley, a highly respected lady, died after a long illness. She will be sadly missed, not only by those who were near and dear to her, but by the entire community. The last sad rites were largely attended.

Be in Columbia next Wednesday, September 29th and hear Senator J. C. W. Beckham. He has a message that will entertain you.

A Quiet Wedding.

Last Wednesday forenoon Miss Verly Phelps, the popular daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Phelps, this place, and Mr. Jacob Myers, of Canton, Ohio, were quietly married at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. T. J. Wade, Presiding Elder of the Columbia District, officiating.

Immediately after the ceremony the couple left for Louisville, Cincinnati and other points, accompanied by Mr. William Hurt Browning and Miss Jewel Phelps, sister of the bride.

We have not been informed, but we take it that the home of the contracting parties will be Canton, Ohio.

The bride has been in school here for a number of years and is popular with all her schoolmates, and she will be greatly missed by the young society people, and who wish her much happiness as she and her companion travel down the stream of Time.

The groom is a young business man, who is prospering in his home city.

All Columbia joins the News in extending best wishes.

Call and get the prices of all the late style hats at the store of Miss Julia Eubank.

Approaching Marriage.

On Tuesday the 28th of September Mr. Chester Earl Scalf, who was partly reared in this place, a son of Mrs. Nannie Scalf and a nephew of Mr. R. H. Price, who lives just out of town, will be married to Miss Naomi Calander, of Louisville, where both the intended bride and groom reside.

Mrs. R. H. Price left Friday morning to be present at the nuptials. The couple will spend their honeymoon in the East.

The intended groom's Columbia friends extend best wishes.

China-ware.

An excellent opportunity to secure a supply of cheap dishes for every day use at a bargain price. A mixed barrels of cups, saucers, plates, etc., (140 pieces) for \$7.25 "Lump Grade." Send money order to The Salem China Company, Salem, Ohio.

Bear in mind that a series of meetings will commence at the Baptist church, this place, the 27th of this month. Make preparations to be in attendance.

Notice.

The Bondsmen for the subscription money on the Columbia and Edmonston Road are requested to pay the Treasurer of Adair County at least 50 per cent. of this fund by Oct. 1, 1920.
W. S. Sinclair, J. A. C. C.

A grandchild of Mr. Hardin Smith died last Saturday night.

Prof. F. M. Green has organized a football team at the Lindsey-Wilson, and other athletic exercises will soon be in full blast.

Notice.

Pay your Graded School Tax. Five Percent Penalty added after October First.

Bruce Montgomery, Treasurer.

Arm Broken.

Last Thursday about the noon hour, Thomas, a six year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Conover, who is in the Graded school, happened to a serious accident. He was playing with other children and was accidentally pushed off the stiles, breaking his right arm above the wrist. Drs. Russell and Hindman reduced the fracture. It is hoped that it will soon be well.

A band of rovers landed here the first of last week and camped near the Harris Bridge. There were a number of men, women and children in the aggregation and six wagons and teams and some led horses. They claimed to be traders and fortune tellers.

Mr. W. H. Shipp removed his family from Columbia to Bowling Green last week. He had some trouble in securing a residence but finally succeeded. We spoke of the good qualities of this family in a former issue.

Died at Esto.

Last Thursday at Esto, Russell county, Mr. Wesley Grider, who was about 78 years old, succumbed to the inevitable and crossed over to the other side. He was a soldier in the Federal army during the war of the rebellion. He was a most exemplary citizen, a man who had the respect of all who knew him. His funeral was attended by a large circle of relatives and friends.

There is no let up in the attendance of the meeting at the Methodist church. Rev. May is delivering soul stirring sermons, and a large number have confessed their Savior. Misses Frances Russell and Louise Rowe, violinists, are adding to the music. Later, the meeting closed Sunday night—30 addition to the Church.

Adair Awarded Premiums.

At the State Fair, last week, Adair county was awarded more premiums on Burley tobacco than Shelby and Fayette counties combined. T. I. Smith, of Cane Valley, won first and second on bright leaf, cigarette wrappers and bright trash; and for the best four samples of the 1920 crop he won first on bright trash and second on red leaf. The dark entries sent by Adair county farmers were lost. If they could have been presented they too would have won.

Adair County Gains 786 in Ten Years.

Washington, Sept. 17.—Population of Adair County, Kentucky, increased 786, or 4.8 per cent. during the last decade, the Census Bureau announces. The present population is 17,239. From 1900 to 1910 the county increased 1,615, or 10.8 per cent.

Columbia increased from 1,022 to 1,076 and Cane Valley decreased from 163 to 128.

Notice.

The Tax Books are now in my hands, and the taxes are due, come in and settle same at once, the sooner paid, the better for both you and the Sheriff.

Cortez Sanders, Sheriff,
43-44 Adair County, Ky.

Lost a man's gray glove for the left hand. Will pay a reward if left at the News office.

Chester Reynolds

Askel Bibee and Frank Bennett are brothers-in-law, and they had trouble at Bennett's home last Friday about the noon hour. The cause of the trouble, as told by Bibee is as follows: Bennett and his wife had quarreled in the morning, and while at the dinner table Bibee was shaming them for their conduct. Bennett became furious, jumped up from the table and knocked Bibee in the head with a stick of stove wood, cutting two ugly gashes. Dr. O. P. Miller closed up the wounds.

Paid List.

The following are new paid subscribers and renewals since our issue of last Tuesday.
David Bryant, M. W. Cooper, J. C. Hale, F. F. Rexroat, Judge Rollin Hurt, F. V. Wilkerson, J. R. Beard, M. Aaron, Miss Thomasine Garnett.

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Mr. Miley Polly, a native of this county, and who has been totally blind for several years, has been in Columbia for several days. He has relatives in the Milltown section.

Young Jersey cow, second calf, fresh for sale, on my farm N. E. of Columbia.
J. F. Montgomery.